

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

JESUS HUMBERTO HERRERA-  
HERNANDEZ (2),

Defendant.

CASE NO. 12CR2432WQH  
CASE NO. 13CV716WQH

ORDER

HAYES, Judge:

The matter before the Court is the Motion for time reduction by an inmate in federal custody under 28 U.S.C. § 2255. (ECF No. 67). Defendant moves the Court to grant a downward departure on the grounds that he cannot be housed in a minimum security facility or a Community Correctional Center because of his deportation status. The Court finds that the issues raised in the petition are appropriate for summary disposition.

**APPLICABLE LAW**

28 U.S.C. §2255 provides that “A prisoner under sentence of a court established by Act of Congress claiming the right to be released upon the ground that the sentence was imposed in violation of the Constitution or laws of the United States, or that the court was without jurisdiction to impose such sentence, or that the sentence was in excess of the maximum authorized by law, or is otherwise subject to collateral attack, may move the court which

1 imposed the sentence to vacate, set aside or correct the sentence.” A district court must  
 2 summarily dismiss a § 2255 application “[i]f it plainly appears from the motion, any attached  
 3 exhibits, and the record of prior proceedings that the moving party is not entitled to relief.”  
 4 Rule 4(b), Rules Governing Section 2255 Proceedings for the United States District courts.  
 5 When this standard is satisfied, neither a hearing nor a response from the government is  
 6 required. *See Marrow v. United States*, 772 F.2d 525, 526 (9th Cir. 1985).

## 7 RULING OF THE COURT

8 In this case, the record conclusively shows that the Defendant has waived the right to  
 9 bring a § 2255 motion. In the Plea Agreement, the Defendant agreed as follows:

10 In exchange for the Government’s concessions in this plea agreement, defendant  
 11 waives, to the full extent of the law, any right to appeal or to collaterally attack  
 12 the conviction and any lawful restitution order, except a post-conviction  
 13 collateral attack based on a claim of ineffective assistance of counsel. The  
 14 defendant also waives, to the full extent of the law, any right to appeal or to  
 15 collaterally attack his sentence except a post-conviction collateral attack based  
 16 on a claim of ineffective assistance of counsel, unless the Court imposes a  
 17 custodial sentence above the three years custody, the mandatory minimum  
 sentence, which will be recommended by the Government pursuant to this  
 agreement at the time of sentencing. If the custodial sentence is greater than  
 three years custody, the defendant may appeal, but the Government will be free  
 to support on appeal the sentence actually imposed. If defendant believes the  
 Government’s recommendation is not in accord with this agreement, defendant  
 will object at the time of sentencing; otherwise the objection will be deemed  
 waived.

18 (ECF No. 39 at 11). This waiver is clear, express and unequivocal. Plea agreements are  
 19 contractual in nature, and their plain language will generally be enforced if the agreement is  
 20 clear and unambiguous on its face. *United States v. Jeronimo*, 298 F.3d 1149, 1153 (9th Cir.  
 21 2005).

22 At the time of sentencing, the Government recommended an adjusted offense level of  
 23 19 and a resulting guideline range of 30-37 months. The Court imposed a sentence of 30  
 24 months. (ECF No. 66 at 2). Defendant brings no claim based on ineffective assistance of  
 25 counsel and the sentence imposed was not above the “three years custody.” (ECF No. 35 at  
 26 10). Pursuant to the terms of the plea agreement, the Defendant waived his right to collaterally  
 27 attack the sentence imposed.

28 Finally, the Defendant presents no grounds for relief under Section 2255. The

1 Sentencing Reform Act gives the Bureau of Prisons the responsibility to “designate the place  
2 of the prisoner’s imprisonment.” 18 U.S.C. § 3621(b). *See United States v. Cubillos*, 91 F.3d  
3 1342, 1344-45 (9th Cir. 1996). The Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit has rejected the  
4 assertion that an alien’s equal protection rights are violated when he cannot be housed in a  
5 minimum security facility or a community correction center based upon his deportation status.  
6 *See McClean v. Crabtree*, 173 F.3d 1176, 1185-86 (9th Cir. 1999).

7 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the motion for time reduction by an inmate in federal  
8 custody under 28 U.S.C. § 2255 (ECF No. 67) filed by the Defendant is denied.

9 DATED: April 9, 2013

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11 **WILLIAM Q. HAYES**  
United States District Judge

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